Sending man to space

1148. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India proposes to send a man to the space;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it also includes sending a man to the moon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the proposed year of accomplishment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Government has approved pre-project activities towards making a detailed project report aiming at developing technologies required for sending a man to space around earth.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Solid waste disposal

1149. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fct that urban population of 278 million generates 42 million tonnes of solid waste annually;

(b) if so, whether the solution adopted in urban areas is dumping in open landfills;

(c) if so, whether medical wastes and even hazardous chemical wastes are dumped in landfills, leading to serious health hazards through ground water pollution; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps that have been taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Most Indian cities lack efficient arrangement for municipal solid waste management. Normally crude dumping is restored to on open spaces or on roadsides/drains by most of the ULBs in the country without adopting scientific and hygienic approach of sanitary land filling.

(c) and (d) The management of medical waste and hazardous waste are being dealt with by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Environment and Forests respectively. Necessary information has bemen called for in this regard and reply is awaited.

UIDSSMT projects in A.P.

1150. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of 23 projects submitted to his Ministry by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2006-07 under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) during September, 2006;

(b) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the said projects; and

(c) by when the above said projects are likely to be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKAN): (a) The State of Andhra Pradesh in its State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) meeting held on 21.07.2006 recommended 23 projects under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) on various infrastructure development components in 19 towns with an approved cost of Rs. 578.00 crore and Rs. 207.37 crore has been released to the State so far against 20 projects in accordance with the priority provided by the State Government and availability of the funds under the scheme. Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) There is no delay. Under UIDSSMT, the State of Andhra Pradesh has been provided Rs. 490.31 crore by the Planning Commission for the whole mission period of 7 years from 2005-2012 and the State has already exhausted its allocation. The remaining projects cannot be considered for release of funds till the allocation is enhanced adequately by the Planning Commission.

Statement

Details of status of 23 projects submitted to the Ministry by State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the year 2006-07

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of towns/cities	Name of Sector	Total Cost	Amount released during		Amount released as 1st instalment of ACA
				2006-07	2007-08	
1	Ananthapur	Water supply	6500.00	1132.43	1565.07	2697.50
2	Bheemunipatnam	Water supply	1064.00	185.37	256.19	441.56
3	Jammalamadugu	Water supply	1169.00	203.67	281.47	485.14
4	Kadapa	Sewerage	4915.00	1966.00	0.00	1966.00
5	Kadiri	Water supply	4546.00	792.01	1094.58	1886.59
6	Macherla	Water supply	91.00	36.00	0.00	36.00
7	Mangalagiri	Water supply	130.00	22.65	31.30	53.95
8	Miryalaguda	Sewerage	3493.00	1397.00	0.00	1397.00
9	Nagari	Water supply	3540.00	616.74	852.36	1469.10
10	Nalgonda	Water supply	444.00	178.00	0.00	178.00
11	Nalagonda	Sewerage	4688.00	1875.00	0.00	1875.00
12	Nandyal	Storm Water Drains	216.00	37.63	52.01	89.64
13	Narayanpet	Water supply	903.00	157.33	217.42	374.75
14	Narsaraopet	Sewerage	2641.00	1056.00	0.00	1056.00
15	Nirmal	Water Supply	2709.00	1084.00	0.00	1084.00
16	Ongole	Water supply	1554.00	270.74	374.17	644.91

Sl. No.	Name of towns/cities	Name of Sector	Total Cost	Amount released during		Amount released as 1st instalment of ACA
				2006-07	2007-08	
17	Proddutur	Water supply	1680.00	292.69	404.51	697.20
18	Rayadurg	Water supply	4239.00	738.53	1020.66	1759.19
19	Suryapet	Water supply	2348.00	939.00	90.00	939.00
20	Tadipatari	Roads & Drains	3870.00	674.23	931.82	1606.05
21	Proddutur	Sewerage	2973.00			Not released
22	Kadapa	Water supply	2923.00			Not released
23	Narsaraopet	Water supply	1164.00			Not released
	TOTAL:		57800.00	13655.02	7081.56	20736.58

Reserves of potable and sweet water in Delhi

1151. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new reserves of potable and sweet water have been found in Delhi at a depth of 350 metres;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) by when these reserves are likely to be exploited; and

(d) whether this finding is likely to open new vistas of search for water elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Ground Water Board has, however, reported that exploratory drillings are carried out by the Board with the objective of delineating aquifers worthy of ground water development and ascertaining their yield characteristics. So far, the total of 334 exploratory boreholes have been drilled by the Board in National Capital Territory of Delhi. The maximum depth explored by the Board is 308 metres below ground level at Rajouri Garden in the South West District of Delhi.

Incentives for implementing reforms under JNNURM

1152. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: